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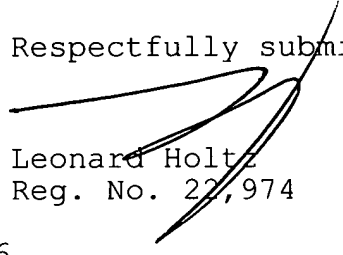
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US 6,056,199, US 6,321,986, and US 6,422,476 cited on the attached IDS are family members of US 6,371,375. See the International Search Report information on patent family members dated July 12, 2005.

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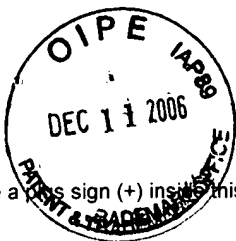
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